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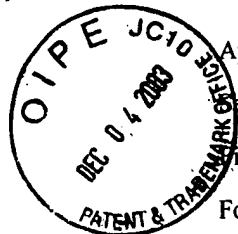
Dear Sir:

This Amendment is being submitted in response to the Office Action mailed on May 7, 2003 in connection with the above-identified application, and in response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 31, 2003. The Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment indicates the failure to list the text of all pending claims. The withdrawn claims 7-10 and 13 are now canceled and therefore the text of these claims is not required.

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith is an Amendment for P. A. Billing-Medel, *et al.*, for REAGENTS AND METHODS USEFUL FOR DETECTING DISEASES OF THE LUNG, the specification of which was filed on June 5, 1998, and received Serial No. 09/092,296.

Also enclosed is a return-receipt postcard.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional Filing Fees required under 37 CFR 1.16, as well as any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17 associated with this communication for which full payment has not been tendered, to Deposit Account No. 01-0025. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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